



OAKSTEAD TIMES

THE OFFICIAL *Newsletter* OF OAKSTEAD • FEBRUARY 2023 ISSUE



**IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS EMERGENCY CALL 911**

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| Police Non-Emergency | 727-847-8102 |
| Fire/Rescue Non-Emergency | 727-847-8102 |
| Florida Highway Patrol | 866-369-4613 |
| Pasco Utilities | 727-847-8131 |
| Duke Energy | 727-443-2641 |
| Alligator Hotline | 866-392-4286 |
| Animal Shelter | 813-929-1212 |
| TECO Gas | 813-275-3700 |
| PASCO WATER | 800-226-8144 |
| Waste Connections | 727-849-3333 |
| Mosquito Control | 727-376-4568 |
| Oakstead Elementary School | 727-246-1500 |
| Charles S. Rushe Middle School | 813-346-1200 |
| Sunlake High School | 813-346-1000 |
| Oakstead Clubhouse | 813-949-6591 |
| Oakstead Clubhouse Fax | 813-949-6462 |
| Inframark CDD Management Co | 813-991-1116 |
| Associa Community Management | 813-963-6400 |
| Rizzetta & Company (Tanglewylde) | 813-533-2950 |
| Greenacre Properties, Inc. (Weymouth) | 813-600-1100 |

**CLUBHOUSE PARTY ROOM RENTAL**

\$50.00 for 4 hours:

12:00 to 4:00pm or 4:30 to 8:30pm

\$100.00 deposit

The 4 hours includes your set up and clean up

*Oakstead Resident Rates***GATE REMOTE OPENERS**

Available at clubhouse

\$15.00

WALKING GATE KEYS

Walking gate keys are available at clubhouse for \$4.00 each

CLUBHOUSE HOURS

Open 7 days • 9a.m. to 7p.m. Mon-Fri
 9a.m. - 5p.m. Sat and Sun / Unless there is an event booked
 Pool opens at 10am and closes at dusk

CDD MEETING SCHEDULE

Third Tuesday at 1:00 p.m.

**SPRINKLER HOURS**

Oakstead is a reclaimed water community

Irrigation is prohibited between the hours of 8 a.m. and 6 p.m.
 Reclaimed Water Restrictions Pasco County. Your allowed to use your lawn sprinklers twice a week if you're on reclaimed water program and if your house address end in:

- 0 or 1 Tuesday and Fridays are your days to water
- 2 or 3 Thursday and Sunday are your days to water
- 4 or 5 Monday and Friday are your days to water
- 6 or 7 Tuesday and Saturday are your days to water
- 8 or 9 Wednesday and Sunday are your days to water

OPEN HOUSE RULES

Upon request, Gate will be open on the 1st Sunday of the month
 Gates will be open from 12:00 noon to 4pm

Please contact the clubhouse 3 days prior to open house to arrange for the gates to be open.

TRASH

Trash pick-up is Tuesday and Friday

Recycling is every Wednesday *No glass – No blue bags are accepted*

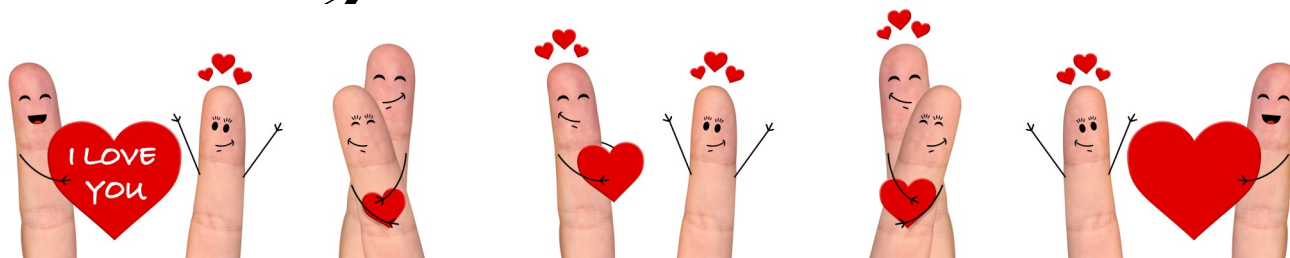
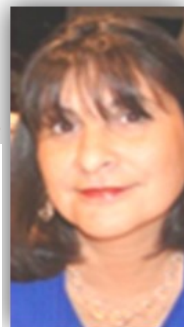
OAKSTEAD NEWSLETTER

Oakstead digital newsletter can be found on the Oakstead website at OaksteadCDD.org



Nancy's NEWS

by Nancy Intini, Operation Manager



I thought I would update you on some of the new projects the board has voted on for this year.

The front entry landscaping will get an update, Brenford, Weymouth and Strathmore entrances will be getting a landscape update, the clubhouse will be getting new kitchen cabinets, and sidewalks will be worked on for trip hazards. We ask that you PLEASE remove your tree to avoid further cost of

maintaining the sidewalks. In the last three years we have spent well over \$200,00. In repairs due to the tree root lifting sidewalks.

The CDD board has hired a new landscaper. LMP Landscape Company was the winner of the bid. The landscapers will start on February 1st and will have a three-year contract. Please be patient while they learn the ins and outs of the property. I also want to send a huge

thank you to ASI Landscapers for doing a great job on our landscaping while we were going through the bidding process.

We are installing two new flagpoles at the clubhouse to honor our Military and Essential workers. In addition, we will be installing a monument to honor our fallen soldiers. The monument is still a work in progress as the cost for the monument will be paid for by donations. If you would like to donate, please stop by the clubhouse.

CLUBHOUSE Programs



ALL NEW PROGRAM STARTING
January 7th at 9am kids / 10am adults

Progressive Rummy

Join us Monday nights, bring \$.50 to play
6:30pm



Social Group

Monday 6:30 to 9pm.
Bring your dollar to play
progressive rummy.



Canasta

Every 2nd and 4th Thursday at 6:30 pm



Watercolor Class
Mondays 3pm to 5pm No fee
Bring your own supplies.
Supply list available at clubhouse



Senior Coffee
every 3rd Friday of the month.
No Fee, just enjoy good conversation

Wood Carving
Thursday's 10am to 12 noon.
No fee. Bring your own supplies.



Silver Sneakers with instructor Gillian Dargan.
Classes will start up on Fri, Sept. 9th and will run on Mon - Fri from 9am to 10am. Classes are free with your Silver Sneaker membership card or \$4.00 for non Silver Sneaker members.



**A MATTER OF
BALANCE**
MANAGING CONCERNS ABOUT FALLS

If you are having balance issues, we have a class for you. It will run once a week for 8 weeks starting February 6th through March 27th. Only 12 spots available so sign up early!

1st Friday food truck
Enjoy fun friends family food
and music.



Note from BOARD SUPERVISOR by Norm Keith



2023 is upon us! It's hard to believe how fast 2022 flew by. As residents packed their fantastic holiday decorations away I hope they did not bury them too far back in the attic or garage. If 23 goes as fast as 22 it will be time to dig them out again soon. I was personally amazed at the amount of creativity demonstrated by many Oakstead residents as they decorated their yards. It will be hard to beat next time.

This is the time of year that landscaping appears to be less than perfect. If we have another cold snap our green might turn more brown as it is confused by the weather. The grass and plants will figure out when spring arrives and will decide to turn green again. LMP, our new landscape company will assist in the process with their superior horticulture techniques. Even many of your yard plants will recover from the cold so please be careful not to dig them up before you give them adequate recovery time. It could save you a lot of money.

Some residents have stopped by my house to discuss their displeasure and frustration with the fireworks that were set off. One gentleman told me that last year a car and house had fires started with sparks from fireworks. I was unaware of this but it should be recognized by all that fireworks are dangerous and possibly against the law. Please be cautious when engaging in setting off fireworks.

If you enjoy going to state parks, where your children can run, climb and play in a perfectly maintained clean playground, I can highly recommend the Withlacoochee River Park, located at 12449 Withlacoochee Blvd, Dade City, FL. No entry cost, a great place to spend a day.

I am going to have an extremely positive attitude, in spite of all our concerns, as we charge into 2023. I hope everyone had a great holiday and a happy new year.

We live in one of the nicest communities in Florida and in the best country in the world. God bless the United States of America!

Oakstead is a truly nice place to live and by working as a team we can make even better!

Welcome home.

Tanglewylde NEWS by Fred Krauer



Every year after Thanksgiving, we dig out the Christmas decorations for the outside of our home checking to see if the sets of lights are working by plugging each set in. If they don't light, we try to buy the latest and most energy efficient to save a few dollars in the use of electricity.

We try to put up a lot of lights because our home is the first home as you drive into Tanglewylde. We feel that we want residents to feel good for the holidays when they drive into our village. We also hope that the other residents catch the holiday bug and decorate their homes, but we realize not everyone can afford to have a

higher electric bill or they are unable due to physical limitations.

Now, the part we hate the most: taking down the decorations, packing them all up and every year we say we are not going to put up as many decorations as we did the year before, but we do! And every year that passes, it takes us longer to put them away than it did the year before.

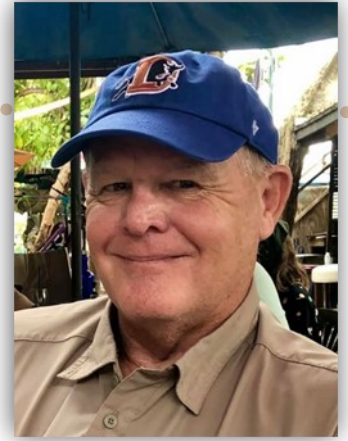
Landscaper

Yes, we are still looking for a landscaper. Between the prices that are being quoted and the worry of not finding a company that is small enough to give us the personal touch we are looking for a large enough

company to be able to handle the long hot summers and still give us a good job.

Another thing to look at is how many landscapers bid themselves out of a contract and if they would be willing to lower their prices, it would make the change over easier. We have not forgotten about hunting down a quality landscaper, but it is not a process that is easy to go through. I was told a long time ago; you know what you have but you don't know what you are going to get.

Weymouth NEWS by Steve Shaw



Chances are, if you are like 80% of Americans, you've already given up on your 2023 New Year's resolution. Thanks OK, you are in good company. As each new year approaches, we wish each other Happy New Year and wish that the coming year is better than the previous one. That lead me to ask who are the happiest people in the whole wide world? As it turns out, for the last five years, Finland has been ranked number 1 as the happiest country in the world. What is their secret?

The fine folks of Finland found that it's not what they do that makes them so happy. It's what they never do that makes them satisfied with their lives.

They don't compare themselves to their neighbors. They focus more on what makes them happy and less on looking successful. I guess that it's tough to keep up with the Joneses when your neighbor is named Johannes.

Finns don't overlook the benefits of nature. They find that nature brings peace of mind, relaxation and energy. We are blessed to have a beautiful nature trail in our community and I've seen deer, wild turkeys, bobcats and other wild life while traversing the trail. It's a wonderful experience.

They don't break the community circle of trust. They trust each other and value honesty. Think about how you can show up for your community. Following our governing documents, attending HOA Board meetings and getting involved in community activities are all ways of feeling more connected with our fellow villagers.

Speaking of getting involved in community activities, I have some good news to share. Those Weymouth residents that reside on Simonton Court and Haskell place know that the Oakstead CDD only painted the exterior of the retaining wall. Despite owning the wall, the CDD refused to paint the interior side of the wall because they didn't have contiguous, uninterrupted access to the utility easement behind these homes. The Weymouth HOA is unwilling to paint the interior side of wall because it doesn't belong to them. So, we were at an impasse. Great news! As the time that this article

was being written, the CDD is considering a compromise solution. If the proposal is adopted, the CDD will purchase the paint and residents of Weymouth will provide the labor to paint the wall. I'm looking for volunteers to participate in a paint party. Neighbors helping neighbors. That's what a community is all about. If you are interested in more information, reach out to me at s.m.shaw@live.com.

Members of the CDD recently performed a safety inspection of our sidewalks. They identified tripping hazards and have marked them for future repair or replacement. An orange line indicates that the concrete will be ground down. An X indicates a section of the sidewalk that will be replaced. Tree roots under these sections will be removed before new concrete is poured. I don't have a timeline on the repairs yet, but I'll keep you posted as things develop.

I was reviewing our contract with our landscaping vendor. The Function Frequency Chart can be found on page 10 of our 13-page contract. According to the chart, the following services are to be provided in February:

- Four service visits
- Mowing, string trim, hard edging, soft edging, backpack blowing
- St. Augustine fertilization
- Pruning of shrubs
- Pruning the trees to 8'to 10' over walkways and 15' over the street
- Pruning 50 palm trees

Finally, this is your newsletter. If you'd like me to cover a particular topic, drop me a note at s.m.shaw@live.com. The deadline for me to submit a story is the 10th of the month preceding the publishing and distribution of the Oakstead Times.

Oakstead MASTER HOA

by Jeff Conran

It's hard to believe that we are already two months into 2023. It seems like only yesterday we were planning for 2022 and hoping it would be better than 2021. I'm hopeful that with the new year, you've taken the opportunity to reflect on the previous years and are working towards making yourself and those around you better. In this vein (and that of my last note), let's discuss, briefly, some changes coming to our little piece of paradise. First and foremost, Oakstead Homeowner's Association has had the same management company (Associa Gulf Coast) since 2005 (it was originally Rampart, but they were bought out by Associa). They have served us well for the last 17 or so years, but the time has come for us to make a change. I won't bore you all with the details of association management, but the bottom line is that Associa and Oakstead were no longer a good fit for each other. Over the last few months, your board of directors has been interviewing companies and consulting with other experienced entities in the industry. After extensive research and weighing the costs involved, as well as the quality of the product available, we've decided to transition to Greenacre Properties Inc for our association management services. This transition will happen at the end of February/early March.

So as a homeowner or resident in the Oakstead community, what does this mean for you? For the most part, it will be largely transparent to you and there won't be much change. The violation

letters and covenant enforcement actions will come from the new company, and you're likely to see them much sooner than you have been, especially in recent months. The community manager (also known as our CAM) will change, as will the phone numbers you call to get support, and where to send your architectural review documents.

Otherwise, things won't look much different. I would ask that as we make this transition, please be patient. Since we've been working with Associa for nearly 20 years, you can imagine there are LOTS of files to transition, as well as making changes to our bank accounts, insurance policies, tax documents, etc. While I know Greenacre Properties Inc will do its absolute best to make the transition as seamless as possible, with nearly 1200 residences, and almost two decades of history, things are sure to be bumpy at the start. Again, I ask for your patience as we make this change.

Thank you for being part of this great community. We're looking forward to a wonderful 2023!



OAKSTEAD PRESENTS The Annual Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday - April 8, 2023



OAKSTEAD COMMUNITY WIDE

YARD SALE



SAVE THE DATE

SATURDAY - APRIL 15, 2023

JUST IN TIME FOR SPRING CLEANING!

*Join me and make a
Valentine's Day
craft!!*

Fee includes:

- *All materials*
- *Class / Instruction*
- *A finished product
to take home
(see picture)*

Crafts with Cass

February 7th

6:00-8:00 pm

Oakstead Clubhouse

\$25 per person

Limited to 20 spots

(Adults only, please)

*****Painting is
involved and
aprons will be
provided*****



RSVP 813-484-9213 to Cassandra by 2/4